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Patent application of: GURTNER, Wendell A.  
For: TRAILER HITCH CUSHIONING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USING SAME,  
the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

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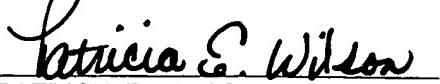
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